



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: August 19, 2019

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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**PROJECT NO. / WBS No.:** 644723 / B-20040.02.06

**PROJECT NAME:** Coast Boulevard Sea Cave Emergency Project

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** La Jolla

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 1

**LOCATION:** The project is located near 1210 Coast Boulevard within the Coast Boulevard public right-of-way and adjacent coast bluff and cave opening to the north below Coast Boulevard.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** An existing sea cave void (i.e. Koch's Crack Sea Cave) located under the Coast Blvd public right-of-way is undermining a portion of Coast Boulevard. City staff observed extensive cracking in the roadway raising concerns as to the stability of the underlying soil and rock formation. An assessment of the cave and soil conditions concluded a high probability of collapse of the cave roof at any time. Recent underlying soil and geologic formation failures have created an imminent threat to public health, safety, and welfare. Immediate action is necessary to retain the City's ability to safely provide public access to existing residential and commercial business, in addition to local coastal access.

Work includes chemical grouting of terrace deposit soils between the top of the cave and the roadway and filling the cave with an erodible concrete. The contractor will drill small-diameter holes in the roadway to inject the chemical grouting and to pump concrete mixture into the cave. A temporary barrier would be installed at the entrance to the sea cave in order to stabilize the mouth of the cave (e.g. rip rap, K-rails, sand-filled geo bags). Sand and other debris would be removed from the cave prior to filling the cave cavity with erodible concrete designed to erode as the face of the bluff erodes over time. The temporary barrier materials will be removed after construction is complete. Temporary road closure is required during emergency construction. Staging will occur within the public right-of-way. Access to the cave from Coast Boulevard will occur via a temporary staircase and from the ocean side by boat. The contractor will implement storm water best management practices to prevent illicit construction-related storm water discharges from entering

the ocean. Any damages occurring as a result of emergency construction activities will be replaced/repaired, including, but not limited to, the roadway, sidewalk, and public utilities.

A subsequent Coastal Development Permit (CDP) is required in accordance with Section 126.0718 of the Land Development Code. The CDP application will include a request for a Site Development Permit for environmentally sensitive lands (i.e. coastal bluffs). The application for the SDP and/or CDP shall be submitted within 180 days of issuance of the emergency permit.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Statute and Guidelines Sections - Emergency Project SEC. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c).

**ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** City of San Diego Public Works Department

**STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** The emergency repairs are required in order to protect public health, safety and property. This determination is supported by the expert opinion of the City Engineer. The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the statutory exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Statute and Guidelines, Sections SEC. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c).

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On August 19, 2019 the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this project, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (September 3, 2019). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.